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Mr. Vernon Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
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**Re: Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 153X) – Union Pacific Railroad Company –
Abandonment Exemption – in Monroe County, IA (Oskaloosa
Subdivision Between Eddyville, IA and Maxon, IA)**

Dear Mr. Williams:

The Union Pacific Railroad Company has received a request from the Iowa Trails Council for a 180-day extension in which to complete negotiations for the acquisition of that portion of the Union Pacific's right-of-way in Monroe County, Iowa between milepost 315.0 and 322.9 for an interim recreational trail. The Union Pacific is willing to continue to negotiate with the Iowa Trails Council concerning the acquisition of the subject property for interim recreational trail and supports the Iowa Trails Council's request for an extension of the negotiation period for 180 days commencing August 24, 2002. A copy of the Iowa Trails Council's request is attached hereto as Exhibit A and hereby made a part hereof.

An additional ten (10) copies of this letter and exhibit are enclosed for the Board's use and distribution.

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Very truly yours,

Mack H. Shumate, Jr.,
Senior General Attorney

Enclosures

cc: Ernestine Hedgepeth, STB < via facsimile at 202/565-9002 >
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August 29, 2002

Mr. Vernon Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
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Dear Secretary Williams:

Reference is made to AB-33 (Sub No. 153 X). This is a proposed abandonment of the Union Pacific Railroad corridor in Monroe County, Iowa, extending from near Eddyville to Maxon.

We have been unable to complete negotiations for the acquisition of this corridor for conversion to a trail under the terms of the National Trails System Act at this time and request an extension of another 180 days in which to complete these negotiations.

The railroad has not finalized abandonment and I believe is willing to continue these negotiations.

We are forwarding a copy of this letter to Mr. Mack Shumate, Jr at the Chicago offices of the Union Pacific Railroad at 101 N. Wacker Drive, requesting that he notify the STB that the UP is willing to continue these negotiations with the Iowa Trails Council.

This letter is being sent via FAX to your office and to the offices of the Union Pacific Railroad. Ten copies will follow by regular mail. Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Tom F. Neenan

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